

37 ARRSq History, OCT-DEC 1970

CHAPTER IV

MISSIONS

As a result of SAR missions this quarter, the 37 ARRSq rescued 7 individuals under non-combat conditions. No aircraft were damaged due to hostile ground fire, and there were no aircraft losses. In this chapter, the missions for this quarter are summarized briefly. The complete mission narratives, which are classified, can be located through Rescue Operations.

7 Oct: On the evening of 7 Oct 1970, Jolly Green 71 was launched from Channel 77 for the purpose of a MEDEVAC of an Australian seaman. The seaman was suffering from 3rd degree burns over 30% of his body plus a head fracture. At 2125 local time, Jolly Green 71 arrived in the area of the ship, 100 miles off the R.V.N coast. A high hover was then established above the craft. At 2200L the survivor was brought aboard the aircraft by use of the stokes litter. Jolly Green 71 departed for the Cam Ranh Bay hospital. One non-combat save was credited to Lt Col A. Holcomb, A.C. of Jolly Green 71.

10 Oct: At 0700 local time Jolly Green 67 and 73 were launched for the MEDEVAC of two injured seamen aboard a Norwegian freighter. Enroute to the ship, Jolly Green 67 had a hydraulic failure and diverted into Phu Cat AB. At 1030L Jolly Green 73 arrived in the area of the ship and the hoist operators check was performed.

AF Helo Aids Burned Norse Sailors

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TAN SON NHUT AB, Vietnam — U.S. Air Force rescuers rushed two badly burned sailors to the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base hospital Saturday morning after picking them off a Norwegian freighter damaged by a fire and explosion which killed two other men Friday night, an Air Force spokesman said.

Crewmen of an HH53 "Buff" helicopter made the pick-up from the M. V. Tore Knudsen about 200 miles east of Cam Ranh Bay, the spokesman from the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group here reported. He said the injured men were suffering from third degree burns.

The ship first reported a fire

aboard Friday night but radioed back 30 minutes later that it had been extinguished, the spokesman said. Seven hours later it reported an explosion and asked for help, he added.

He said the HH53, from the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. at Da Nang, left about 9 a.m. Saturday. An HC130 rescue control and refueling aircraft from the 39th ARRS

at Cam Ranh Bay AB also was dispatched to the scene, the spokesman said.

Cause of the explosion was unknown. The ship had reported that it intended to steam into Saigon under its own power.

In a similar operation, rescuers Wednesday night picked up a sailor injured on a British ship 110 miles east-southeast of Cam Ranh Bay, the spokesman said.

NIGHT WATER HOIST BY
LT COL HOLCOMB

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1255	2 line check 5x5	A 11
1305	DATA TO JACK (1st) TOTAL 30.0	RE
1315	Sgt Arrive off Duty	A

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2040	CPT WALKER - ON DUTY	
2251	366 th Command Post Advises That A Total Base Recon Is In Effect. INFO PASSED TO MAJ RAPER.	(UP)
2301	ALL SECTIONS NOTIFIED OF RECON.	(UP)
2335	ITEM 14 CRUX	(UP)
0120	JG 67 AIRBORNE FOR 5400	(UP)
0205	JG 73 AIRBORNE FOR 5400	(UP)
0305	JG 71 AIRBORNE FOR 5400, QUEEN NOTIFIED OF 5400 MSN INSTEAD OF 5400. WILL NOTIFY JG 71	(UP)
0330	QUEEN ADVISES THAT SPAD 02'S REMAINS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED	(UP)
0400	CPT WALKER OFF DUTY / - 5 RECOVERED IN	(UP)
0525	JG 67 ON THE DECK 5.0	RE
0705	JG 73 ON THE DECK 5.0	1
0830	JG 71 ON THE DECK 5.2	DS
0915	Queen on HIB	DS
0920	from m+ BOCH ALFA ACFT TURNED AROUND (P)	DS
0930	CALL FROM JOKER & 3 GP - CONSIDERING LAUNCHING A BUFF TO MEDWAC. A BADLY BURNED SEAMAN FROM A SHIP 60 E, OF CAM RANH BAY. REQUEST TO KNOW IF ANY DIFFICULTIES FOR BUFF. LT/COL HOLCOMB SAY NO PROBLEM. HE WILL FLY MISSION.	RE
0945	CREW FORMED, NOTIFIED, MX NOTIFIED OF REQUIREMENT.	RE
0955	JG 71 WILL BE AIRCRAFT.	RE
1030	CREW ENROUTE TO AIRCRAFT TO PREFLIGHT AND LAUNCH.	RE
1100	JG 71 AM Borne	

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1230	DAAR TO JRCC (error) TOTAL 21.3	As
1245	Line Check 575	As
1350	Sgt Anger off Duty	As
1351	MAJ RAPER ON DUTY; STANDING BY FOR PROGRESS OF MEDVAC.	(RR)
1410	JG 71 HAS PATIENT ON BOARD, RETRIEVING P.J. 2591	(RR)
1420	JG 71 ETA CHANNEL 71 1450Z. PATIENT IN FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE.	(RR)
1430	JG 71 AIR REFUELING WITH KING 27	(RR)
1440	A/R COMPLETE.	(RR)
1450	KING 27 SAYS JG 71 BEING VECTORED BY CRB TOWER TO HOSPITAL PAD.	(RR)
1600	QUEEN ADVISES J.G. 71 ETA CH 77 1715Z	(RR)
1601	MISSION NUMBER 3-012, 7 Oct 70.	(RR)
1715	JG 71 ON DECK LOGGED <u>6.3</u> HRS	(RR)
1730	MAJ RAPER OFF DUTY	(RR)

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2040	MDS LIGHTNER ON DUTY	
2135	STATUS TO QUEEN	
0020	QUEEN ADVISED ITEM 14 CANX	WOL
0110	JG 77 ETA CH 77 1050Z	
0245	JG 77 ON THE DECK	
0250	JG 65 AIRBORN FOR 5+00	
0255	JG 73 " " "	
0400	Sgt Rodriguez ON DUTY / A/CERT SYSTEM CHECKED	RR
0425	JG 32 ABN FROM CH 58 0400Z	EST
	CH 102 0315Z.	RR
0650	JG 24 ABN FROM CH 73 PROCEEDING TO	
	CH 83 FOR FUEL	
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